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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Applicants submit herewith a copy of an International Preliminary Examination Report (INTERNATIONALER VORLÄUFIGER PRÜFUNGSBERICHT) issued in parent International Application PCT/EP02/05491. An English language translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report is not presently available, however, an English language translation of the Annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report is attached..

Applicants also submit herewith for the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the published version of the parent application, namely International Publication No. WO 02/095290A1,

dated November 28, 2002, including an International Search Report (INTERNATIONALER RECHERCHENBERICHT), which issued in the parent International Application PCT/EP02/05491 on August 22, 2002. An English language translation of the International Search Report is also attached.

Also submitted herewith is a copy of Form PTO-1449, which lists the references cited in the International Search Report. In addition, copies of each of the references cited in that Form are submitted herewith. The purported relevance of each cited reference in the International Search Report is indicated under the heading "Category" in the International Search Report.

Also for the concise statement of relevance of the non-English documents listed on the Form PTO-1449, with the exception of German documents No. 196 22 670 A1 and No. 199 23 225 A1, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the corresponding English Abstracts attached thereto.

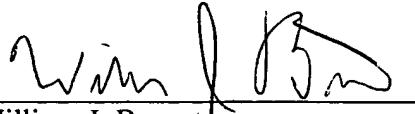
Further for the concise statement of relevance of German document DE 199 23 255 A1, the Examiner is referred to page 2, paragraph [0003] of Applicants' patent application.

U.S. Patent No. 6,523,980 is being cited because it is a U.S. counterpart of German document No. 199 23 225 A1.

It is respectfully requested that this information be considered by the Examiner in connection with this application, and that these references be made of record and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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	DE 19622670 A1	12/11/97	GERMANY			NO
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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